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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's mightiest heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand! Stan Lee presents…

The New Avengers have recently announced themselves to the world...and to their enemies.

Months ago, a devastating confrontation paired the X-Men and the New Avengers against the reality-altering powers of mutant and one-time Avenger Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch. Afterwards, most of the mutants on Earth woke up to find themselves human--without their mutant gene.

Only a few hundred mutants remain on Earth, when once there were millions. The truth about what happened and the Scarlet Witch's involvement remains a secret to the general public in order to keep the remaining mutants safe from a growing anti-mutant hysteria.

Those who do remember refer to it as the "House of M."

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BURGER JOINT
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
NORTH POLE ALASKA
DEX TOYS

POSTAL SERVICE
LE ALASKA

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER
DIRECTOR HILL, TONY STARK IS ON THE C-TAC.
HERE WE GO.
PUT HIM THROUGH.
MR. STARK.
CAN WE MAKE THIS QUICK, MS. HILL? I'VE BEEN UP FOR TWO DAYS STRAIGHT.
YEAH. I JUST CAUGHT YOUR LITTLE PRESS CONFERENCE.
SO THE AVENGERS HAVE GONE PUBLIC. THAT WAS QUICK.
THANKS FOR THE HEADS-UP ON THAT.
I WASN'T AWARE THAT YOU CARED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
DO I CARE THAT A LARGE GROUP OF SUPER-POWERED VIGILANTES PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTIONS TO POLICE THE PLANET?
I RUN A WORLD PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, AND TWO OF YOUR MEMBERS ARE ALSO AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
I CARE AN AWFUL LOT WHAT YOU AVENGERS ARE UP TO.
OH, THEN...
...THANKS FOR THE CALL.
THE HOUSE OF M.
I'M SORRY?

YEAH, TONY.
YOU INVENTED HALF THE TECH IN OUR SURVEILLANCE SATELLITES.
YOU PUT CAMERAS ON THE MOON POINTED AT EARTH.
SO I DOUBT I HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW I KNOW THAT ONE WEEK AGO THE X-MEN BLACKBIRD AND THE AVENGERS QUINJET FLEW TO GENOSHA FOR SOME REASON.
AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN MILLIONS OF MUTANTS WEREN'T MUTANTS ANYMORE.
ALL OF A SUDDEN THE MUTANT GENE DOESN'T EXIST IN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHERE IT ONCE HAD.
AND ALL I HAVE IS A BABBLING IDIOT NAMED EILEEN HARSAW MUTTERING THE WORDS "HOUSE OF M" OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN HER PADDED CELL.
Tony Stark
S.H.I.E.L.D.
Emotion and Lie Detectors
Blocked
SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU. THE GENOSHA TRIP WAS FOR SIGHT-SEEING.
REALLY?
SPIDER-MAN SAID HE'D NEVER BEEN THERE.
YOU KNOW, I DON'T NEED YOU TO LIKE ME, AND I DON'T NEED YOU TO RESPECT ME...
...BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU'D BE MAN ENOUGH, HERO ENOUGH, TO NOT PUT YOUR ARROGANCE BEFORE THE SAFETY OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS AS TO WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM.
WELL, IT'S GOOD YOU DON'T NEED ME TO LIKE YOU OR RESPECT YOU.
WE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE ENEMIES.
WE'RE NOT.
I RARELY EVER THINK ABOUT YOU ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
GOOD NIGHT, MS. HILL.
SON OF A--
ALL HIGH STAFF TO SITUATION ROOM.
THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.
THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.
THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.
THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.

THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.
THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.
THIS IS A LEVEL RED ALERT.
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THE HELL IS GOING ON?

ALASKA, MA'AM.

IT WAS HIT.

IT WAS A DIRECT HIT.

PIPELINE?

NO MA'AM.

THE ENTIRE CITY OF NORTH POLE IS GONE. THESE IMAGES ARE TWO SECONDS OLD.

NORTH POLE?

IT'S AN ACTUAL CITY IN THE--

MAYBE SANTA CLAUS GOT ON SOMEONE'S NAUGHTY LIST.

GET OFF MY SHIP.

I'M NOT EVEN A LITTLE BIT JOKING.

WHAT HIT US? TERRORISTS?

THE INITIAL ENERGY READINGS AND HIT TRAJECTORY INDICATE, HOLD ON...

...IT WAS AN ENERGY SURGE, AND IT CAME FROM SPACE.

SPACE?

DIRECTED RIGHT THERE. NORTH POLE.

WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE DETERMINING WHAT *KIND* OF ENERGY BUT IT SEEMS RATHER--

ALIEN ATTACK?

I DON'T KNOW, SIR--MA'AM. THE READINGS ARE INCONCLUSIVE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT MEANS WHATEVER HIT US IS SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER HAD ON THE PLANET BEFORE.

THERE'S NO LIBRARY OF DATA REFERENCE FOR THE COMPUTERS TO ANALYZE IT FROM. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START.

SO IT *WAS* AN ALIEN ATTACK?

WELL, AT THIS POINT WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF ALIEN ENERGY SIGNATURES CATALOGUED FROM PAST INTERACTIONS SINCE THE 1930'S.

WHATEVER THIS WAS--IT HAS NOT BEEN HERE BEFORE.

WAKE THE PRESIDENT.

IT'S FOUR IN THE AFTERNOON.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!! GET HIM ON THE PHONE!!!

WHO ARE THE CLOSEST AGENTS TO THE SCENE? DO WE HAVE A COMMANDO UNIT STATIONED IN ALASKA?

ANCHORAGE. THEY'RE ALREADY EN ROUTE.

GET THEM ON LINE.

THIS IS SERGEANT DAVIS, S.H.I.E.L.D AGENT CLASS FIVE. OVER?

DAVIS, THIS IS COMMANDER HILL. HELICARRIER ONE. YOU'RE ON A SECURED LINE. STATE YOUR LOCATION. OVER?

WE'RE FOLLOWING THE ENERGY TRAIL. IT'S HEADING TOWARDS THE CANADIAN BORDER.

HOW MANY MEN ARE WITH YOU, SERGEANT?

SIX.

WHAT KIND OF GEAR DO YOU HAVE, AGENT? THIS MIGHT BE A BIT OF A HANDFUL.

WE'RE ALL FITTED WITH HULK BUSTER ARMOR.

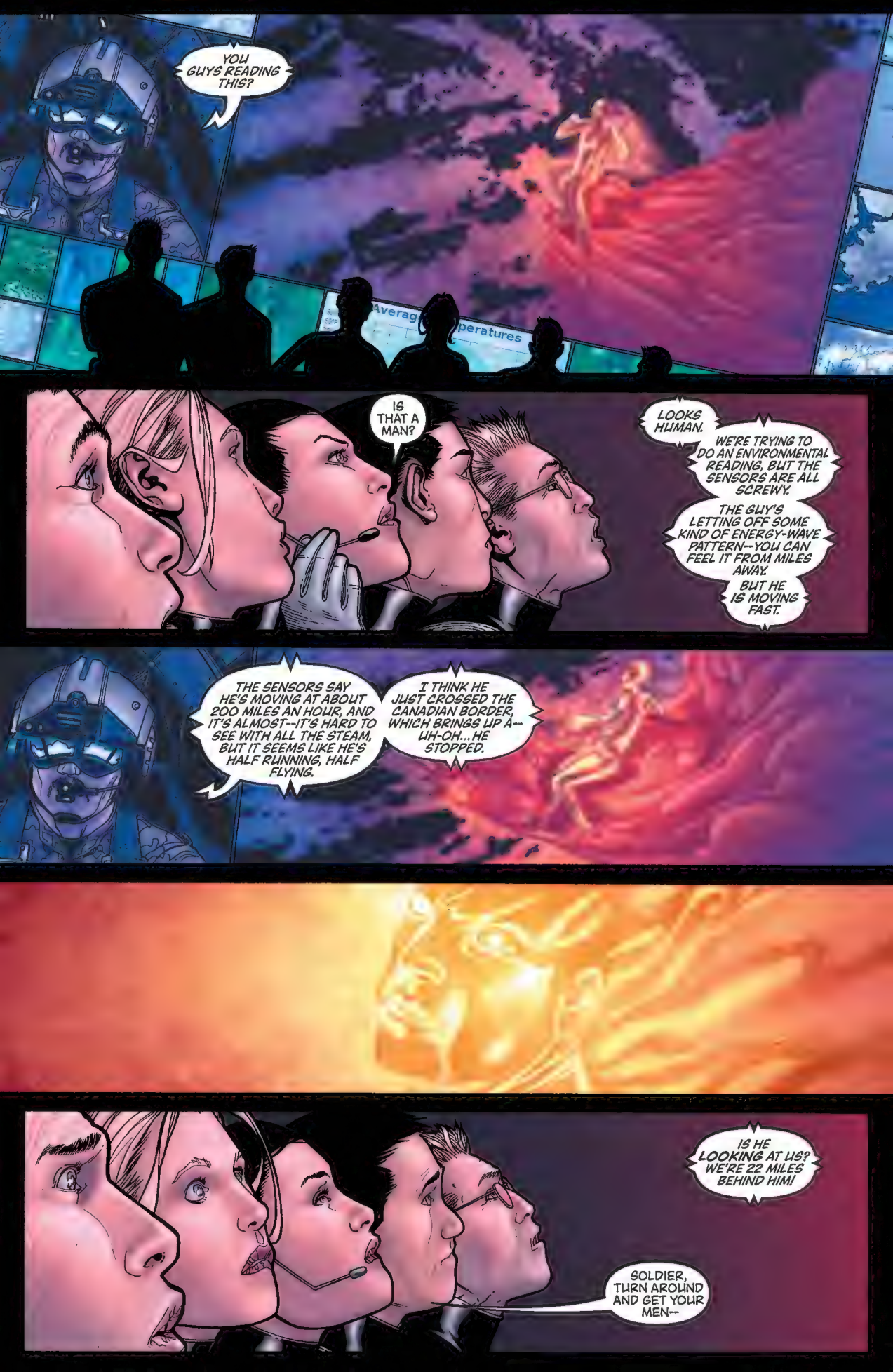
WE HAVE THE NEXUS NULLIFIER ON STAND-- HOLD ON!

WE HAVE A VISUAL.

THERE YOU GO.

CAN YOU GUYS SEE THAT?

YES... ...BUT...


YOU GUYS READING THIS?
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IS THAT A MAN?
LOOKS HUMAN.
WE'RE TRYING TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL READING, BUT THE SENSORS ARE ALL SCREWY.
THE GUY'S LETTING OFF SOME KIND OF ENERGY-WAVE PATTERN--YOU CAN FEEL IT FROM MILES AWAY.
BUT HE IS MOVING FAST.
THE SENSORS SAY HE'S MOVING AT ABOUT 200 MILES AN HOUR, AND IT'S ALMOST--IT'S HARD TO SEE WITH ALL THE STEAM, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S HALF RUNNING, HALF FLYING.
I THINK HE JUST CROSSED THE CANADIAN BORDER, WHICH BRINGS UP A-- UH-OH... HE STOPPED.
IS HE LOOKING AT US? WE'RE 22 MILES BEHIND HIM!
SOLDIER, TURN AROUND AND GET YOUR MEN--

OH MY GOD!
THAT WAS THEM, NOT US.
CAN YOU GET THEM BACK?
SWITCH TO SATELLITE.
SWITCHING.
OH NO...
WE NEED-- I NEED TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA. GET UP A FULL BATTALION TO--
MA'AM, IF I MAY, YOU SHOULD SEND IN THE EXPERTS ON THIS.
I--YEAH, OKAY...WE HAVE SCIENTISTS TO--
NO, MA'AM, THE SUPER HEROES. CALL IN THE AVENGERS TO--
NO!! NO.
THE FANTASTIC FOUR! GET REED RICHARDS ON THE PHONE.
ANYONE CLOSER?
CANADA, CANADA...
WELL, MA'AM, THERE'S ALWAYS...

...ALPHA FLIGHT.

YOU GUYS READY?

THING'S MOVING AWFUL FAST.

I'LL DO THE TALKING.

YEAH, RIGHT.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, HOLD ON. YOUR TEAM JUST MADE...

ANYONE WE KNOW?

DID HE STOP? I THINK HE STOPPED.

EXCUSE ME!!

SIR??

WE'RE ALPHA FLIGHT. CANADA'S PREMIER SUPER TEAM.

ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO TURN YOUR NAKED SELF AROUND AND BACK AWAY.

SCREEEE

MISTER PRESIDENT, PLEASE!

WE'VE ALREADY LOST AN ENTIRE TOWN, A S.H.I.E.L.D. CONVOY, CANADA'S ALPHA FLIGHT TEAM, AND WE JUST LOST SIX S.H.I.E.L.D. JET FIGHTERS, MISSING AND PRESUMED DOWN.

I'M TERRIFIED TO SEND ANY MORE MEN IN THERE UNTIL WE KNOW EXACTLY ***WHAT*** IT IS AND WHAT IT WANTS AND WHERE IT'S GOING.

BUT EVERY INCH THIS THING MOVES PUTS LIVES IN DANGER, AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS IS!

WE NEED TO MOBILIZE SOME SORT OF WORLD ARMY TO--

Saskatchewan
Lake Winnipeg
Winnipegosis
Dauphin

I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.

WE'RE IN THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM RIGHT NOW WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

HE SAYS THROW SOME SUPER HEROES AT IT. IT'LL GIVE US TIME TO MOBILIZE THE ARMED FORCES AT--

SIR, REED RICHARDS ISN'T ANSWERING OUR COMMUNICATION ALERT, AND WE DON'T--

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THAT BRAINIAC: HE'S ALWAYS OFF IN SPACE OR IN SOME OTHER DIMENSION.

SIR, THE X-MEN CERTAINLY ARE IN NO POSITION TO--

THE AVENGERS!!

THE NEW ONES WHO WERE JUST ON TV. GET THEM OVER THERE.

Waterhen
Lake Winnipeg
Lake Winnipegosis
Dauphin

MA'AM, IF I MAY, I HOPE YOU'RE NOT PUTTING YOUR OWN ARROGANCE IN THE WAY OF HELPING THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE ABOUT TO GET THEIR LIVES RUINED BY SOME DAMN ALIEN.

SIR, I REALLY THINK THAT'S A BAD IDEA. THEY AREN'T VERY--

Nipigon
Lake Nipigon

NO, SIR. I JUST THINK THAT IF THE CANADIAN SUPER TEAM HAD NO EFFECT, THEN WHAT COULD--

IT'S CAPTAIN AMERICA. HE'LL TAKE THIS DOWN. HE ALWAYS WINS SOMEHOW.

DIRECTOR!

WHERE'S THE TROUBLEMAKER HEADED ANYHOW?

DIRECTOR??

I SEE IT.

SIR, IT JUST CHANGED COURSE.

Minneapolis
Mississippi
Lake Huron
Lake Michigan
Milwaukee
Toronto
Buffalo

UNITED STATES
Lake Superior
St. Claire
St. Lawrence
Montreal

HE'S JUST TURNED TO A SOUTHWEST COORDINATE. HE'S COMING TO AMERICA.

I SEE IT.

MA'AM, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.

Lake Ontario
Rochester

MA'AM?

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.
$%#@!!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

Hi! Brian Bendis here with our NEW AVENGERS page, where you'll get the exclusive scoop on everything going on at Marvel and in the ever-growing world of the Avengers.

This time I present you with an exclusive interview with hot newcomer Brian Reed. I plucked Brian out of obscurity. (And by obscurity I mean a high-paying job in the video game industry, where he's worked on some great games, including the *Ultimate Spider-Man* platform on sale now in all gaming formats.) Brian worked with me on SPIDER-WOMAN: ORIGIN, which on sale now, and started getting some of his own gigs including MS. MARVEL, which is set to debut very soon. Let's get Brian to put down his X-Box 360 controller and find out just who he is.

Where did you come from?

BR: I grew up in Anderson, Indiana. But there was snow there, so I fled to Los Angeles when I was 19. Since landing here in sunny southern California, I've done work in public relations, video game designing, and writing.

How did you get the job designing the USM game?

BR: In all honesty? Dumb luck. I was in the right place at the right time, and I knew my Norman Osborn from my Eddie Brock. I had started out at Blizzard as a tester on *WarCraft II* and spent time at DreamWorks Interactive in the mid 90's. The next thing I knew, I was at Treyarch, helping get *USM* on its feet. Back before Bendis came along, I was asking the Treyarch bosses about writing the game story since I knew that with a Spidey game, a strong story would be key, and I knew Spidey well enough to feel comfortable taking on the task.

How did Marvel Comics find you?

BR: During *USM*, I decided to do the e-mail version of a cold call. The last thing I wanted to do was go to Bendis and say, "Hey, man, I wanna write comics," because that just felt sort of cheap to me to use that friendship to try and get a job. I wanted to get in the door on my own two feet, so I e-mailed Joe Quesada. I said, "Look, I'm doing this USM game and I hear you guys are happy with the story--well, I wrote a lot of that and I'd like to take a crack at a comic book." That led to me talking to C.B. Cebulski, and when Bendis found out about that, he greased the wheels I'd been uncomfortable asking to be greased. I got in line to pitch on SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED and was off to the races. The next thing you know, I've got a story in SMU #11 and I'm a published Marvel writer. I couldn't have been happier.

How did the MS. MARVEL series come about?

BR: Somehow Tom Brevoort decided it might be a good idea to have me write SPIDER-WOMAN: ORIGIN with Bendis. I guess Bendis is slipping in his old age, and Tom was worried he might not be able to do a Spider-Woman limited series on his own. The first couple scripts of SWO were in to Marvel when editor Andy Schmidt gave me a call and asked if I'd like to pitch a MS. MARVEL ongoing.

Who is the cool new artist on your book?

BR: Roberto De La Torre. What he can do with a pencil and paper is simply amazing. So amazing, in fact, that Bendis will steal this guy for NEW AVENGERS any day now. I write crazy things like, "City Street--dozens of Brood warriors stream over wrecked cars. People run for their lives as the Brood fire laser bolts at them." I expect to get back something that looks nice and all, but what I get back is just this gorgeous piece of art that looks better than what I imagined. Rob makes me look so good, I don't know if I can thank him enough.

What can we look forward to?

BR: My stated goal in my pitch for this series was that I wanted so much action that the reader would be physically exhausted after reading a few issues back to back. I try to make sure that every single page is full of energy, even if it's just a talking heads scene. In the first three issues alone, Ms. Marvel is going to be rubbing elbows with the Fantastic Four, Captain America, Doctor Strange and Jessica Jones. Spider-Man, the X-Men and some old school Avengers are all in the works for future issues. The Brood will be making a comeback in the first 3 issues--but the reason they're on Earth is because they're running from something scarier than them! After that, we get to see what an evil Sorcerer Supreme can be like. Then CIVIL WAR hits, and we learn that maybe the bad guys aren't the most dangerous guys on the block. Seriously, this is going to be THE fun book each month. This is going to be where you go to get a dose of action and adventure that just puts other books to shame.

What's your favorite comic that you're reading now?

BR: *Fell* by Warren Ellis. On the Marvel front, CAPTAIN AMERICA is the best it's ever been and should be on everyone's reading list.

What's your dream project?

BR: Ultimate Spider-Ham. Okay, I'm kidding (sort of). In the real world, I'd love to update Cloak & Dagger and really make them hum for the 21st century. I have things I'd like to do with Iron Man. I have a take on Ultimate Punisher that I really should get down on paper. And my Marvel career would be complete if I had a multi-year run on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.

Is it true that Bendis totally owns you on Call of Duty 2*?*

BR: The only thing Bendis owns with *Call of Duty 2* is the little green box the game came in.

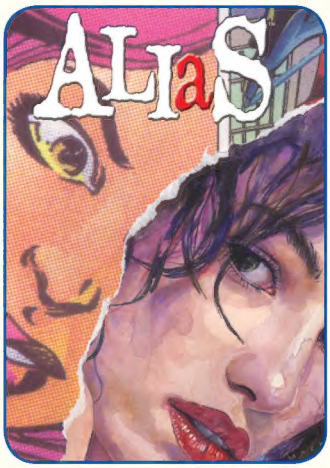
And with that, please do check out the various AVENGERS family titles. The Avengers are the linchpin of the Marvel Universe and will play huge roles in CIVIL WAR. Almost every book has scenes and hints to things leading up to massive change in the Marvel U.

For those out and about this spring, Wizard World Los Angeles is the place to be. There will be major Avengers announcements, so swing by if you're anywhere in the area.

For those who need to hang out with other readers of similar mindset stop by Jinxworld.com, my web site, where there are a smattering of creator forums.

SPOTLIGHT BOOK OF THE MONTH

ALIAS OMNIBUS
By Brian Michael Bendis and Michael Gaydos
Explicit Content – For Mature Readers



Meet Jessica Jones. Once upon a time, she was a costumed super hero. But not a very good one. Now a chain-smoking, self-destructive alcoholic, Jessica is the owner and sole employee of Alias Investigations--a small, private-investigative firm specializing in superhuman cases. This deluxe hardcover collects all 28 issues of Brian Michael Bendis' ALIAS--plus all-new, behind-the-scenes bonus material! In her inaugural arc, Jessica's life immediately becomes expendable when she uncovers the potentially explosive secret of one hero's true identity. Thrust into the midst of a conspiracy, has Jessica burned too many bridges to turn to old friends for help? Plus: Jessica travels to upstate New York to investigate the disappearance of a teenage girl in a prejudiced small town, teams up with, the original Spider-Woman, and confronts the demons of her past!

This book is available for order now and will arrive in stores in March. Let your local comics shop know to order you a copy!

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